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WASHOE COUNTY
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Madison Vialpando
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Re: Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits

Dear Madison Vialpando,

I am writing on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to acknowledge receipt of your recent public records request. Your request is being reviewed but we will not be able to provide you with a complete response within 5 business days. But we have gotten started with your request. Enclosed please find our procedures regarding the receipt, processing (by the Biology Section), and release of Evidence. We don't have special procedures regarding Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits. We treat all evidence the same but prioritize cases based on potential threat to the community, seriousness of the crime, court demands and needs of the agency.

Also, we read your request to be very broad, and we are authorized to charge our "actual cost" of producing the records, so it might be of help if you could narrow or be-more-particular with your request. For all example, you seek "Any and all statistics, data, reports, audits, policies and procedures pertaining to . . ." This language could encapsulate a lot of data and could be expensive to produce for you. So we look forward to hearing from you with a more particularized request so we can start to gauge the cost and narrow our focus.

Thank you,

Anastacia Melendy
Supervising Criminalist